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SUBJ: POLISH PROPOSAL TO REVIEW PER DIEM RATES

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1. PARA 1D OF REFTEL (B) CONCEDED THAT USG WOULD HAVE NO
OBJECTION TO POLISH PER DIEM REGULATIONS BEING APPLIED TO
POLISH TRAVELERS IN THE U.S. THIS WAS A REASONABLE AND
REQUISITE QUID PRO QUO FOR THE USG POSITION THAT THE PER
DIEM FOR AMERICANS TRAVELING IN POLAND SHOULD BE GOVERNED
BY AMERICAN PER DIEM REGULATIONS, APPLICABLE TO POLISH-
FINANCED AS WELL AS U.S.-FINANCED TRAVEL OF AMERICANS
IN POLAND. CONSEQUENTLY, WE DO NOT DISAGREE IN PRINCIPLE
WITH MR. KAPUSTA'S VIEW THAT PER DIEM FOR POLISH TRAVELERS
IN THE U.S. SHOULD BE GOVERNED BY POLISH PER DIEM REGULA-
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TIONS. (THE APPLICATION OF EXISTING STANDARD PER DIEM
REGULATIONS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS WAS ENVISIONED, NOT THE
FORMULATION OF NEW REGULATIONS FOR JOINT FUND TRAVELERS.)

2. HOWEVER, THE ABOVE USG POSITION WAS COUPLED WITH A PRO-
POSAL TO ELIMINATE FROM THE AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT OF
OCTOBER 9, 1976 A SPECIFIC PER DIEM RATE FOR AMERICAN

TRAVELERS IN POLAND, LEAVING THE RATE TO BE ESTABLISHED BY

THE USG UNILATERALLY. THIS PROPOSAL WAS NOT ACCEPTED, AND THE DECEMBER 11 AGREEMENT SPECIFIED THE PER DIEM RATE FOR AMERICANS AND ESTABLISHED A REQUIREMENT FOR OBTAINING POLISH AGREEMENT TO ANY CHANGE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DECEMBER 11 AGREEMENT MAKES NO MENTION OF PER DIEM RATES FOR POLES TRAVELING IN THE U.S.

3. IF WE ARE NOW TO FORMALLY AGREE TO THE APPLICATION OF POLISH PER DIEM REGULATIONS AND RATE TO POLISH TRAVELERS, WE SHOULD, TO MAINTAIN EQUIVALENCY, HAVE THE SAME PRO FORMA RIGHT TO AGREE TO THE RATE AND ANY CHANGES IN IT THAT THE DECEMBER 11 AGREEMENT RESERVES TO THE POLES FOR AMERICAN PER DIEM. IN THE ABSENCE OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS COVERING THIS POINT, THE "TO WHOM" LETTERS MIGHT WELL PROVIDE THE DEVICE TO ASSURE PRO FORMA U.S. AGREEMENT TO PER DIEM RATES FOR POLISH TRAVELERS, AS WELL AS TO INSURE THAT PROJECT FUNDS USED ARE WITHIN THE AMOUNTS PROVIDED IN PROJECT BUDGETS. IN ADDITION, CONTINUATION OF THE "TO WHOM" LETTERS WOULD BE A MEANS OF MAKING POLISH TRAVELERS AWARE THAT THE USG IS FINANCING THE ZLOTY COST OF THEIR PER DIEM, AS WELL AS THE CONVERTIBLE EXCHANGE COST OF THEIR AIR FARES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF TRAVEL FOR PROJECTS NOT "SIGNIFICANTLY FINANCED" FROM USG DEPOSITS IN THE JOINT FUND.

4. BEFORE REACHING A FIRM CONCLUSION ON THE POLISH PROPOSAL, WE WOULD LIKE TO CONSULT WITH MR. KSANDER, EITHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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